

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee

DATE: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

PLACE: LAVTA Offices, Room 110
1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Chair Herb Hastings called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan O'Neill	City of Livermore
Judith LaMarre	City of Livermore
Sue Tuite	City of Dublin
Andrea Renzulli	City of Dublin – Alternate
Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson	City of Pleasanton
Jeffrey Jacobsen	City of Pleasanton – Alternate
Herb Hastings	County of Alameda
Janeen Rubino-Brumm	Social Services
Kathryn Gilbreth	Social Services
Amy Mauldin	Social Services
Esther Waltz	PAPCO Representative

Staff Present:

Kadri Kulm	LAVTA
David Mark	LAVTA
Michelle Kumar	LAVTA
John Sanderson	County Connection
Renato Cruz	Transdev
Maple Wesley	Transdev
Christian Sanchez	Transdev

Regina Flores	MV
Sylvia Oliva	MV
Rebecca Mitchell	MV
Amanda Rivera	MV

3. Approval of Agenda and Modifications if necessary

Agenda modified with the addition of PAPCO Report between agenda items Dial-A-Ride Passenger Satisfaction Survey and Chair's Report.
Waltz/Mauldin

4. Citizens' Forum: An opportunity for members of the audience to comment on a subject not listed on the agenda (under state law, no action may be taken at this meeting)

None

5. Minutes of the September 3, 2025 meeting of the Committee

Approved with the following amendments: the September meeting location was corrected to LAVTA Administrative office, the spelling of name Hastings was corrected, Sue Tuite name was deleted from the Members Present list at the September meeting.

Mauldin/Waltz

LaMarre, Rivera-Hendrickson, Rubino-Brumm, and Tuite abstained

6. FY26 Fare Increase Proposal

Staff gave a presentation of the proposed fare increases. At the October Board meeting, the LAVTA Board directed staff to advertise a FY26 Fare Increase Proposal of up to (<) \$2.50, and directed staff to open the public comment period and set the public hearing for November 3. The proposed Dial-A-Ride ticket increase is up to \$4.50 from the current \$3.75 and the Senior/Disabled fare on fixed route from current \$1 up to \$1.25. After consideration of all public input received during the public comment period, a final staff recommendation will be brought to the Board of Directors in December with an anticipated implementation date of April 1, 2026 if approved.

Committee members provided their feedback:

Tuite: Question on the Dial-A-Ride. Why are we going to \$4.50 when it should stay \$3.75. I am just wondering because half of us in here are disabled and on budgets and I don't get why. Safeway is selling Dial-A-Ride. tickets two books for \$75, and we are on tight budgets. I don't get why this is happening.

Rivera-Hendrickson: We need to do more community outreach. Our incomes are very minimum. In Oakland Dial-A-Ride roundtrip is \$10 and ours would be \$9, but do we need to get that high. A lot of people I know don't use Dial-A-Ride. If

you are increasing something, we need to know how many people are really using Dial-A-Ride.

Jacobsen: I wanted to add we are all concerned with our budgets and on Social Security.

Renzulli: I echo Carmen's request for more outreach, maybe at the Senior Centers in Dublin and Pleasanton. I heard the November 7th and wanted to see if we can extend the public comment period.

LaMarre: I have hard time with \$3.75 and to go up to \$4.50 is not good.

Gilbreth: My question is if individuals are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to afford the proposed increase, is there an application for financial assistance or any grants or scholarships that they can apply for or would be eligible for to receive to help kind of subsidize the increase of what they previously paid versus what the proposed amount is?

Rubino-Brumm: My only comment is in light of budgets and government shutdowns and SNAP benefits not being paid, I know this doesn't start till April, if it does start. I'm just worried about the timing because people in and, you know, seniors and adults with disabilities and all, you know, they're already stretched so tight, let alone their SNAP cards might not be getting money on them and I'm just very concerned about the timing of this given what is currently going on in our country.

Waltz: Many folks are on small budgets. There should be something to soften the blow for disabled or senior citizens.

Hastings: You are literally raising 75 cents for Dial-A-Ride. You are giving fixed route passengers a discount, but you don't give Dial-A-Ride riders anything. Match the single ADA/Senior increase of 25 cents for paratransit.

The Chair Hastings asked the committee if they are interested in sending a letter to Board of Directors on the fare increase. The committee members agreed.

7. Dial-A-Ride Passenger Satisfaction Survey

Staff updated the committee of the upcoming Wheels Dial-A-Ride Customer satisfaction survey.

9. PAPCO Report

Esther Waltz reported on the latest PAPCO meeting, which took place on October 27.

10. Chair's Report

The Chair Herb Hastings

12. Verbal Service Updates & Concerns

Rivera-Hendrickson: Some of the electronics at 10R bus stops are not working properly.

Renzulli: Have heard that too many people are boarding from Las Positas.

LaMarre: On Tuesday night the bus went left on Railway and went back to Transit Center.

Waltz: The bus didn't stop at my stop and I had to call the bus company.

Hastings: When I called Dial-A-Ride dispatch today, it was looping and I didn't get through.

Tuite: On Sunday I was at 10R stop across from dairy and all the cars were right at the bus stop. We need to have that fixed.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.